

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Invented

Inventor : Herbert Meyerle

Appln. No. : 10/618,260

Filed : July 11, 2003

For : FIREARMS SAFETY DEVICE

Docket No.: S118.12-0001

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING
SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS

4 DAY OF Dec 20 03

PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

The patents or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications cited are enclosed.

TIME OF FILING

The information disclosure statement is being filed:

1. X with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.
2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:

(check either A or B below)

- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
- B. the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

3. ____ after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee. Therefore, Applicant petitions for consideration and submits herewith:
- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e);
 - B. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT

(only used if No. 2(A) or No. 3 above is checked)

The person(s) signing below certify

(check appropriate paragraph)

____ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

OR

____ that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2).

METHOD OF PAYMENT

 X No fee is required.

 Attached is a check in the amount of \$.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

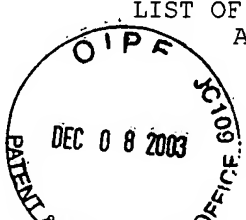
Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By: 

Judson K. Champlin, Reg. No. 34,797
Suite 1600 - International Centre
900 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319
Phone: (612) 334-3222
Fax: (612) 334-3312

JKC:lrs

FORM PTO-1449		Atty. Docket No.: S118.12-0001	Appl. No.: 10/618,260
 <p>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</p>		First Named Inventor:	
		Herbert Meyerle	
		Filing Date July 11, 2003	Group Art: 3641

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
AA						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document No.	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes No
	AB	0 343 115 B1	6/1994	EPO			X
	AC	0 825 408 A2	2/1998	EPO			X (abstract)
	AD	G 90 01 066.3	4/1990	Germany			X
	AE	G 94 05 724.9	9/1994	Germany			X
	AF	G 94 16 556.4	1/1995	Germany			X
	AG	35 34 583 C2	4/1986	Germany			X
	AH	39 37 042 C2	10/1990	Germany			X
	AI	40 13 124 C2	10/1991	Germany			X
	AJ	44 02 951 C2	8/1995	Germany			X
	AK	44 36 799 C2	4/1996	Germany			X
	AL	100 14 687 C1	3/2000	Germany			X
	AM	199 57 160 C1	2/2001	Germany			X
	AN	299 20 895 U1	10/2000	Germany			X
	AO	299 20 918 U1	5/2001	Germany			X
	AP	689 15 858 T2	11/1994	Germany			X
	AQ	WO 01/06198	1/2001	WIPO			X
	AR						

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AS	
EXAMINER:	DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.